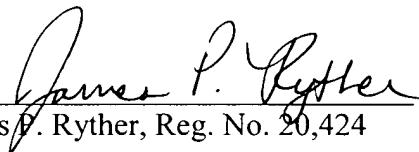


This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a request for a Continued Prosecution Application. As such, the Continued Prosecution Application is being filed within two months of the Decision on Appeal and thus prior to termination of proceedings on the prior application under 37 CFR 1.53(d)(1)(ii)(C) and 37 CFR 1.304(a)(1).

This Preliminary Amendment presents a new set of claims which the Applicant respectfully submits are patentable over the previously cited references.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the newly added claims do not present any new matter.

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